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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the West, unchanged in the Midwest and South, and lower in the Northeast. Trade sentiment was irregular ranging firm in the West; steady in the Midwest and no better than steady in the East. Demand ranged slow to moderate, best for features and fast food promotions, with some improvements noted for first of the month business. Supplies were generally sufficient; however, in the East, all sizes were at least adequate to available and competitively priced. In the parts structure, wings were readily available and slow to clear; boneless skinless breasts were in good balance and held with confidence. Dark meat items were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03/03/03-03/07/03 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

| AREAS                              | MAJORITY    | RANGE       | WTD<br>AVG | LOADS |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Delivered to First Receivers       |             |             |            |       |
| Chicago                            | 53.00-56.00 | 52.00-62.00 | 55.31      | 29    |
| Los Angeles                        | 69.00       |             |            |       |
| New York                           | 53.00-56.00 |             |            |       |
| Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent |             |             |            |       |
| Mississippi                        | 60.00-63.50 | 55.00-66.00 | 63.64      | 80    |

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

| LOADS | RANGE       | FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. |
|-------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 846   | 57.35-66.00 | 63.22                    |

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

| ITEM             | WTD. AVG.<br>(CENTS PER POUND) | VOLUME<br>(000 POUNDS) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 171.00                         | 1,313                  |
| BREASTS - B/S    | 152.50                         | 4,783                  |
| BREASTS - WHOLE  | 85.00                          | 1,154                  |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 58.50                          | 881                    |
| LEG QUARTERS     | 21.50                          | 8,426                  |
| WINGS            | 71.00                          | 3,327                  |

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offerings were light overall for the light to fair trade interest. Retail sectors noted minimal features for the slow to moderate, mostly fair demand. Retail features noted in Ohio on whole fryers at 47 cents. Food service movement was irregular, slow to fairly good, mostly moderate and best into fast food and restaurants. Floor stocks were adequate. Sizes were desirable to instances heavy. Offerings of parts items were very light with buyer interest lacking. The market tone was steady to firm on boneless/skinless breasts, barely steady on wings and mostly steady on all other cuts.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand was mixed, ranging light to moderate, best for features and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair. Wings were readily available; boneless skinless breasts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Bone-in breast were at least adequate and dark meat items were about adequate and clearing. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was firm with prices generally 1 cent higher for next week's deliveries. Offerings in good balance with late trucks common due to weather problems in transit. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good, best to features. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole 57-99, whole cut-up 139, marinated Cornish hen 199, boneless breast 179-399, marinated 549, split breast 158-249, whole breast 99, boneless thigh meat 199, boneless leg meat 79 and marinated boneless leg meat 199, whole leg 99, leg quarter 67, leg quarter 10# bag 290-390 and 40# case 999, marinated leg quarter 89, wing 4# IQF 396, thigh 59-99, drumstick 49-99, 8 piece drumstick and thigh fried 299-549; Northern California - roaster 119-149, boneless breast fillet 399, boneless thigh meat 299, ground breast 399, wing 119, thigh 139, split breast 189; Colorado - whole body 49-59, whole split in half 99, boneless breast 4# IQF 716, drumstick 4# IQF 276, thigh 4# IQF 276, wing 99, split breast 99; Arizona - whole body 47-139, whole cut-up 67-139, boneless breast 179, marinated boneless breast 349-459, boneless thigh meat 179, leg quarter 79-99, 10# bag leg quarter 290-390, thigh 58-99, drumstick 58-99.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the weekend as dealers continued to keep floor stocks in close balance. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available. Retail and distributive draw was lackluster. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were in good balance. Bone-in breasts and wings remained fully adequate to ample. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased in spots but generally remained no better than fair. Additional activity had occurred in some instances where buyers sought product in advance of adverse weather forecasts. Offerings were adequate to ample for immediate delivery. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was steady at best. Boneless skinless breasts continued to clear well. Other cuts were at least adequate. Bone-in breasts and wings were ample and slow to clear.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| RANGE            | 49-70             |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | 58.84             |
| NO. OF BOXES     | 8,718             |
| CUMULATIVE       | 59.57             |
|                  | 02/25/02-03/01/02 |
|                  | 52.64             |
| NO. OF BOXES     | 02/24/03-02/28/03 |
|                  | 42,827            |
|                  | 02/25/02-03/01/02 |
|                  | 49,944            |

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

FEB 28

| ITEM                | POUNDS            |               |          |         | POUNDS            |               |          |         | WEEKLY |         |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|
|                     | (000)             | RANGE         | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000)             | RANGE         | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000)  | WTD AVG |
| BREAST - B/S        | 586               | 125.00-235.00 | 131-137  | 136.12  | 1,156             | 129.00-235.00 | 130-134  | 132.55  | 4,098  | 134.39  |
| TENDERLOINS         | 85                | 125.00-172.00 | -        | 142.87  | 115               | 125.00-172.00 | -        | 138.21  | 625    | 135.51  |
| BREAST - LINE RUN   | 121               | 82.00-88.00   | 85-87    | 86.83   | 117               | 82.00-88.00   | 83-85    | 85.95   | 567    | 86.58   |
| FRONT HALVES        | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | 76.21  |         |
| LEGS                | 85                | 24.00-35.00   | 25-27    | 26.93   | 91                | 24.00-35.00   | 25-27    | 27.62   | 489    | 27.29   |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 630               | 17.00-20.00   | 18-19    | 18.79   | 630               | 17.00-20.00   | 18-19    | 18.79   | 3,072  | 18.74   |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 948               | 19.00-26.00   | 22-23    | 22.31   | 2,148             | 19.00-26.00   | 21-22    | 21.11   | 5,923  | 21.62   |
| WINGS (WHOLE)       | 95                | 58.00-73.00   | -        | 67.05   | 275               | 58.00-73.00   | -        | 70.95   | 1,015  | 70.42   |
| WINGS (CUT)         | 410               | 76.00-86.00   | 82-85    | 83.15   | 338               | 76.00-85.00   | 83-85    | 83.15   | 2,077  | 83.48   |
| DRUMSTICKS          | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | 35.50  |         |
| THIGHS              | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | TOO FEW TO REPORT |               |          |         | 37.52  |         |
| B/S THIGHS          | 55                | 57.00-60.00   | -        | 58.09   | 55                | 57.00-60.00   | -        | 58.09   | 174    | 58.48   |

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR FEB 27, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE****AVERAGE**

45.50 - 49.50

47.99

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR FEB 28, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE****AVERAGE**

44.50 - 49.00

48.12

**5-DAY****AVERAGE**

47.59

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend, however, dealers continued with a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts remained in good balance. Bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient and wings were readily available. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate, with continued boneless-skinless feature activity stimulating the best draw. The market tone was fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts, barely steady to weak on bone-in breasts and wings, and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB. FEB 28

| ITEM                       | CURRENT NEG |        |         | WTD | CURRENT NEG |        |         | WTD    | WEEKLY    |         |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----|-------------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
|                            | TRADING*    | AVG**  | VOL/LBS |     | TRADING*    | AVG**  | VOL/LBS |        | WTD AVG   | VOL/LBS |
| BREAST - B/S               | 145-150     | 137.24 | 457,120 |     | 145-150     | 142.36 | 461,040 | 137.50 | 2,481,510 |         |
| TENDERLOINS                | 110-115     | 115.34 | 133,280 |     | 110-115     | 115.31 | 165,200 | 116.45 | 636,900   |         |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS         | 78-79       | 85.25  | 278,760 |     | 78-79       | 84.99  | 292,320 | 86.67  | 1,189,760 |         |
| BREAST - LINE RUN          | 78          | 79.21  | 110,920 |     | 78          | 76.34  | 131,960 | 79.65  | 705,280   |         |
| LEGS                       | 31-32       | 31.34  | 274,760 |     | 31-32       | 31.97  | 370,076 | 30.95  | 1,757,356 |         |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK)        | 20-21       | 21.07  | 398,778 |     | 20-21       | 20.70  | 351,900 | 20.93  | 2,251,245 |         |
| DRUMSTICKS                 | 23-24       | 31.86  | 134,870 |     | 23-24       | 26.15  | 153,920 | 28.65  | 639,340   |         |
| THIGHS                     | 21-22       | 32.94  | 59,130  |     | 21-22       | 33.21  | 84,040  | 32.83  | 321,190   |         |
| B/S THIGHS                 | 62-63       | 66.13  | 65,080  |     | 62-63       | 67.23  | 58,560  | 65.01  | 372,660   |         |
| WINGS (WHOLE)              | 66-67       | 75.73  | 159,740 |     | 66-67       | 69.39  | 218,456 | 71.73  | 1,007,116 |         |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12       | 12.42  | 31,520  |     | 10-12       | 12.01  | 31,000  | 12.13  | 185,760   |         |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)      | 30-35       | 25.34  | 15,120  |     | 30-35       | 27.66  | 17,640  | 27.43  | 80,790    |         |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS)          | 45-50       | 49.41  | 20,000  |     | 45-50       | 48.33  | 24,440  | 48.67  | 118,960   |         |

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

|          | ESTIMATED  |        | ACTUAL |        | AVG WTS   |       | ACTUAL |       | AVG WTS |  |
|----------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|---------|--|
|          | 02/28      | 02/27  | 02/26  | 02/25  | 02/26     | 02/25 | 02/21  | 02/19 |         |  |
| ALA      | 3,789      | 3,715  | 3,757  | 3,660  | 5.16      | 5.27  | 3,861  | 5.17  |         |  |
| ARK      | 4,548      | 5,073  | 4,352  | 3,919  | 4.97      | 4.97  | 4,576  | 4.86  |         |  |
| DELMARVA | 2,185      | 2,332  | 2,337  | 2,350  | 5.20      | 5.08  | 3,489  | 5.14  |         |  |
| KY-LA-TN | 1,970      | 1,900  | 1,792  | 1,881  | 5.01      | 4.98  | 1,829  | 5.01  |         |  |
| MISS     | 2,528      | 2,904  | 2,821  | 2,901  | 5.39      | 5.34  | 2,471  | 5.34  |         |  |
| NC       | 2,369      | 2,523  | 2,357  | 2,659  | 6.04      | 5.97  | 2,593  | 6.03  |         |  |
| TEXAS    | 2,989      | 2,398  | 1,987  | 2,242  | 5.21      | 5.17  | 2,383  | 4.91  |         |  |
| TOTAL    | 20,378     | 20,845 | 19,403 | 19,493 | 5.25      | 5.25  | 21,202 | 5.17  |         |  |
| MON-FRI  | 103,040(A) |        |        |        | 98,305(A) |       |        |       |         |  |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Feb 03 and 1-Mar-03 is estimated to be 30,488,000 down 4.17

percent from a week ago and down 0.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,816,000; last year 30,550,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 01-Mar-03 is estimated to be 146,263,000 head down 1 percent from a week ago, and down 6 percent from a year ago

(Last week 147,355,000 Last year 154,906,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

|                  | RANGE |  |
|------------------|-------|--|
| FRESH FRYERS     | 90-92 |  |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 80-95 |  |
| HENS UNDER 5#    |       |  |
| HENS OVER 5#     | 65-66 |  |
| DUCKS            |       |  |
| RABBITS-WHOLE    |       |  |
| RABBITS-CUT UP   |       |  |

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

|                  |          |         |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| FRESH FRYERS     | DRY PACK | 102-103 |
|                  | ICE PACK | 95-99   |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | ICE PACK | 104-105 |
|                  | DRY PACK | 113     |
| HENS OVER 5#     | ICE PACK | 91-98   |
|                  | DRY PACK |         |
| DUCKS            |          | 152-166 |

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 15-Feb-03 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up  
-----THOUSANDS-----

|               |        |        |        |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Head          | 29,212 | 19,535 | 46,376 |
| Avg Weight    | 3.85   | 4.81   | 6.17   |
| % of total /1 | 31%    | 21%    | 49%    |

## COMPARISONS

|               |        |        |        |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Last week     | 26,723 | 27,698 | 43,415 |
| Avg Weight    | 3.75   | 4.93   | 6.26   |
| % of total /1 | 27%    | 28%    | 44%    |

|                      |        |        |        |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 33,157 | 25,412 | 46,209 |
| Avg Weight           | 3.78   | 4.72   | 6.14   |
| % of total /1        | 32%    | 24%    | 44%    |

|              |         |         |         |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
| To date/2003 | 160,218 | 144,499 | 288,107 |
| To date/2002 | 217,219 | 150,237 | 327,097 |

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 22-Feb-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS DUCKS  
-----THOUSANDS-----

|                |           |        |        |        |       |
|----------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| HEAD           | 147,355   | 1,534  | 1,450  | 2,984  | 466   |
| AVG WT         | 5.04      | 3.33   | 8.03   | 5.61   | 6.51  |
| LAST WEEK      | 152,044   | 1,793  | 1,257  | 3,050  | 418   |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 155,982   | 1,867  | 1,286  | 3,153  | 395   |
| AVG WT         | 5.15      | 3.40   | 7.76   | 5.18   | 6.81  |
| TO-DATE/2003   | 1,177,523 | 13,097 | 10,864 | 23,961 | 3,362 |
| TO-DATE/2002   | 1,215,914 | 14,555 | 10,125 | 24,680 | 3,501 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 149.1 million head or 4.6 million head less than or 97% of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY** - DATE OF AUCTION: FEB 25, 2003  
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

\*\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*\*

|                        | RANGE          |                  | RANGE            |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Muscovy Ducks - Drakes | 1.45 - 1.50    | Silkie           | 2.75 - 4.00ea.   |
| Muscovy Ducks - Hens   | 1.50 - 1.90    | Pigeons          | 2.85 - 3.25ea.   |
| Red Fowl 4-5 LBS       | .25 - .30      | White Pigeons    | 4.00 - 5.00ea.   |
| Red Fowl 5-6 LBS       | .50 - .70      | Rabbits          |                  |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS | .50 - .80      | 4-6 LBS          | 1.30 - 1.45      |
| Crossbred Roosters     |                | Rabbits          |                  |
| 4-6 LBS                | .70 - 1.00     | 6-9 LBS          | 1.05 - 1.20      |
| Crossbred Roosters     |                | Bunnies          | 4.00 - 8.00ea.   |
| 7-11 LBS               | .60 - .90      | Guinea Pigs      | 6.50 - 11.00ea.  |
| Guinea Fowl            | 1.30 - 1.45    | Goats            | 20.00 - 27.00ea. |
| Banty Roosters         | 4.50 - 7.00ea. |                  |                  |
| Banty Hens             | 3.00 - 4.00ea. | Total Coops Sold | 400              |

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 24-FEB-2003

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

| ORIGIN      | FROZEN  | FRESH   |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| LONG ISLAND | 140     | 146     |
| MOSTLY      |         |         |
| MIDWEST     | 122-126 | 123-127 |
| MOSTLY      |         |         |

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

|                             | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|
| ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)     | 62-66 | 64-66  |
| VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 62-85 | 68-73  |

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

|        |             |
|--------|-------------|
| 12 OZ. | 60.48-69.66 |
| 14 OZ. | 66.96-76.14 |
| 16 OZ. | 73.44-83.43 |

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was mostly moderate to instances good. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.35-.50, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 24-FEB-2003

| ORIGIN             | FROZEN  | FRESH |
|--------------------|---------|-------|
| MIDWEST AND OTHERS | 116-124 | 125   |
| MOSTLY             |         |       |

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

| WEEK ENDING  | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT  | AVG WT |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------|--------|
| JANUARY      | 18 155.0                 | 152.4                  | 102% | 5.14   |
|              | 25 145.9                 | 152.9                  | 95%  | 5.17   |
| FEBRUARY     | 1 153.0                  | 154.2                  | 99%  | 5.21   |
|              | 8 152.2                  | 153.8                  | 99%  | 5.05   |
|              | 15 153.9                 | 153.6                  | 100% | 5.15   |
|              | 22 149.1                 | 153.7                  | 97%  | 5.04   |
| YEAR TO DATE | 1191.8                   | 1212.1                 | 98%  |        |
| MARCH        | 1 153.4                  |                        |      |        |
|              | 8 155.2                  |                        |      |        |

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

| W/E      | 03/01/03 | 02/22/03 | % CHG | 03/02/01 | % CHG |
|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Broilers | 146,263  | 147,355* | -01   | 154,906* | -06   |
| Cattle   | 630      | 618      | +02   | 620*     | +02   |
| Hogs     | 1,925    | 1,879    | +02   | 1,846*   | +04   |

Under Federal Inspection  
\* ACTUAL

**EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal values were unchanged. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally about steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal values ranged unchanged to slightly lower. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate as processors find finished product demand quiet. Opinions of value on removal costs were about steady as producers eye fuel costs.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Salvage values remained constant with offerings of spent light hens easily found. Demand at processing plants remained on a "as needed basis". Finished sales matched needed sales volume. Costs of disposal were viewed as unchanged.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on light canners; unchanged on heavies. Demand ranged fair to good with very limited trading on heavy canners. Offerings were in close balance to tight and well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady on lights; at least steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b><u>LIGHT CANNER HENS</u></b><br><b><u>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</u></b> | <b><u>HEAVY CANNER HENS</u></b><br><b><u>(WITHOUT NECKS)</u></b> |
| 20-25 MAJORITY 22-22.75   | 30-35 MAJORITY 31-32   |

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b><u>LIGHT CANNER HENS</u></b><br><b><u>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</u></b> | <b><u>HEAVY CANNER HENS</u></b><br><b><u>(WITHOUT NECKS)</u></b> |
| 22.5-26.5 MAJORITY 24.5-24.75   | 31.5-37 MAJORITY 33-34   |

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules light in California, full in the northwest. Offerings limited in California due to END quarantines, ample elsewhere.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the generally fully sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. The undertone was about steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was fair for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were reduced to as desired. Trade sentiment was about steady.

#### **LIVE TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

| <b><u>LIGHT</u></b> | <b><u>RANGE</u></b> | <b><u>MAJORITY</u></b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Eastern Light       | 0-7 (1)             | 3-6                    |
| So. Central Light   | TFEWR (1)           |                        |
| No. Central Light   | 2.5-6 (1)           | 4-4.5                  |

(1) Removal Cost  
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE FOLLOWING WEEK

| <b><u>HEAVY</u></b> | <b><u>RANGE</u></b> | <b><u>MAJORITY</u></b> |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Southeast Heavy     | TFEWR (1)           |                        |
| Southeast Heavy     | TFEWR (2)           |                        |
| f.o.b. plant        | TFEWR               |                        |
| South Central Heavy | TFEWR (1)           |                        |

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading  
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

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